Social security net in Second Labour Commission Report

975. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Second Labour Commission submitted on 29th June, 2002 has made any recommendation for a national policy providing social security net for the protection of worker's rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) by when action plan for implementation of this recommendation would be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) In their report submitted to the Government on 29.06.2002, the Second National Commission on Labour have made a number of recommendations covering various aspects of loabour including social security. The report is under process/examination. The recommendations of the Commission would require consultations with all concerned organizations/agencies before these are accepted/ implemented. Given the procedural requirements, it is not possible to specify a definite time-frame for examination, acceptance and implementation of the report.

Child Labour in Karnataka

976. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Government of Karnataka is successful in releasing a number of children from compulsory labour from the clutches of various establishments;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has issued any direction to speed up the process of identification of child labour in various organizations; and

(c) if so, whether his Ministry has allotted funds to Karnataka for rehabilitation of these children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) As per the information received

from the State Government of Karnataka, 3418 children have been mainstreamed into formal schools since 1999-2000. These children have been mainstreamed from the special schools being run under the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) launched by the Government in 7 districts through 190 special schools of 50 children each.

Identification of child labour is a continuous process and the State Government has issued directions to speed up the process. According to the survey conducted by the State Government, 6184 child labour have been identified to be working in hazardous occupations.

Under the scheme of NCLP, five projects at Raichur, Bijapur, Dharwad, Bangalore Rural Dist., and Bangalore Urban Dist., in the state of Karnataka have been sanctioned for the coverage of 9,500 children withdrawn from work. An amount of Rs. 4,09,36,000/- has been allocated for the current financial year.

Plan for Skill Upgradation of Workers

977. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state whether Government had any comprehensive plan for skill upgradation of construcsion, forest and agricultural workers in view of the globalization privatization and modernization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): There is no comprehensive plan for Skill Upgradation of Construction, Forest and Agricultural Workers. However, training in some trades relating to construction, forest and agricultural sectors such as Mason, Plumber, cane willow & Bamboo workers, Mechanic Tractor, Mechanic Agricultural Machinery and Pump operator-cum-Mechanic are imparted under Craftsmen Training Programme conducted by Industrial Training Institutes and Centres.

Industrial Sickness

978. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI study had pointed out that management